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Where families find support.
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Mission: Creating A Better Future and environment for persons affected by epilepsy.

2026 College Scholarship Application

Primary Geographic Areas: Hillsborough, Pinellas, Polk, Pasco, Highlands, Hardee & Hernando counties

Scholarship Awards: \$1000/1500 Scholarships

Are you a previous scholarship recipient? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Date: _____

Epilepsy Services Foundation will award scholarships to individuals with epilepsy or seizure disorder or their caregivers who are pursuing post-secondary education. Scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$1,000 or \$1,500.

Name: _____

Address/City/State/Zip: _____

Phone & Email: _____

Signature: _____

Are you a:

- ☐ person with epilepsy?
- ☐ a parent or caregiver of a person with epilepsy
- ☐ a sibling of a person with epilepsy

List your GPA and chosen school and course of study: _____

Scholarship Application Timeline: Application window (2/23-3/30) Award Recipients Notified (4/13).

Please submit a 500-word personal essay to include:

- The type and history of your seizure disorder (or the seizure disorder of the person for whom you are caregiver) and its impact on your life. Describe 3 ways epilepsy has impacted your life positively and 3 ways epilepsy has provided challenges in your life.
- Describe how getting a scholarship will benefit you in helping you attain your goals.
- If you have received services or support from ESF, or if you have volunteered at any ESF events, please describe your experience and how it has been impactful to you.
- Describe your post-secondary goals and aspirations and indicate whether it is your first time or if you are a returning college student. Include why you chose your intended major and how you will apply your education to make a difference after college.
- Describe how epilepsy has impacted your education and/or job experience.
- Describe any relevant accomplishments, academic awards, sports participation, extracurricular activities, volunteer involvement, etc.

Separate from the personal essay, please provide a detailed explanation of your financial status, including any factors affecting your ability to pay for your education, such as family or personal income, expenses, outstanding debts, or any other information that may further explain your financial status.

2026 ESF Scholarship Application and Supporting Documents

Submission: <https://forms.gle/tJjrF2HfzHvoyi46>

Please note that we have made recent changes to our scholarship program to make it more impactful for recipients. Each scholarship award has been increased, and fewer scholarships will be awarded. Great emphasis will be placed on the personal essay and statement of financial need as our scholarship committee determines the award recipients.

Scholarship deadline is Monday, March 30, 2026.

Good luck!

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